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Congress of the United States **House of Representatives**

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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for Snohomish County Community-Based Diversion with CHOOSE 180 in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Community Leaders Roundtable of Seattle, located at 1416 SW 151st Street, Burien, WA 98166.

The funding would be used to launch a first-ever community-led court diversion for young people in Snohomish County, offering youth with select charges a trauma-informed, community alternative to the traditional court process. Their diversion program operates in either 4-week virtual group sessions or in-person group sessions. The programming has been proven to reduce individuals' reengagement with the criminal legal system, resulting in improved outcomes for young people and a reduction in instances of crime and violence.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Suzan K. DelBene

Member of Congress